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REMARKS:

Claims 1-3, 6-15, and 17-22 are currently being examined, of which claims 1, 6, 7, 9, 11, 13, 17, 18, and 20-22 have been amended herein. Claims 4, 5, and 16 have been canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer as to their subject matter.

In the Office Action mailed February 23, 2006, the Examiner lists the following rejection: claims 1-19 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as anticipated by USP 6,584,439 (**Geilhufe**).

Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection of claims 1-19, for the following reasons.

On page 3 of the Office Action (lines 13-18), the Examiner has suggested that text at column 12, lines 33-55 of **Geilhufe** teaches the features of claim 5 of the subject application. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner.

On page 4 of the Office Action (lines 1-8), the Examiner has suggested that text at column 11, lines 4-60 of **Geilhufe** teaches the features of claim 7 of the subject application. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner.

On page 4 of the Office Action (lines 14-20), the Examiner has suggested that text at column

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7, line 58 to column 8, line 21 of **Geilhufe** teaches the features of claim 9 of the subject application.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner.

Geilhufe fails to expressly or inherently describe the following features set forth in claims 1 and 11, as amended: “a registration unit that registers multiple device setting information associated with a new voice in said storage; a display that displays a plurality of words corresponding to a registrable voice; and a selector that selects a word corresponding to a voice to be registered from said plurality of words displayed on said display, wherein said registration unit registers said word selected by said selector in said storage in association with multiple device setting information,” in combination with the other claimed features.

Geilhufe fails to expressly or inherently describe the following features set forth in claim 7, as amended: “a character display that displays a plurality of characters for forming a plurality of words corresponding to a registrable voice; and a selector that selects a character forming a word corresponding to a voice to be registered from said plurality of characters displayed on said character display, wherein said registration unit registers said word formed by said character selected by said selector in said storage in association with multiple device setting information,” in combination with the other claimed features.

Geilhufe fails to expressly or inherently describe the following features set forth in claim 9,

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as amended: “an acquisition unit that acquires multiple device setting information; and a selector that selects multiple device setting information associated with a new voice from said multiple device setting information acquired by said acquisition unit, wherein said registration unit registers said multiple device setting information selected by said selector in said storage in association with said new voice,” in combination with the other claimed features.

Geilhufe fails to expressly or inherently describe the following features set forth in claim 13, as amended: “displaying a plurality of words corresponding to a registrable voice and registering a word selected from displayed said plurality of words in said storage as a new voice in association with multiple device setting information,” in combination with the other claimed features.

Geilhufe fails to expressly or inherently describe the following features set forth in claim 17, as amended: “acquiring multiple device setting information and registering multiple device setting information selected from said acquired multiple device setting information in said storage in association with said new voice,” in combination with the other claimed features.

Geilhufe fails to expressly or inherently describe the following features set forth in claim 18, as amended: “displaying a plurality of characters for forming a plurality of words corresponding to a registrable voice and registering a word formed by a character selected from displayed said plurality of characters in said storage as a new voice in association with multiple device setting

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information,” in combination with the other claimed features.

Thus, in view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 16, 17, and 18 should be withdrawn.

Additionally, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of claims 2, 3, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 15, and 19 should be withdrawn by virtue of their dependency.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 20-22 have been rejected (see page 1 of Office Action dated February 23, 2006). However, the Examiner has not yet fully explained or supported any rejection of claims 20-22. That is, in the “Detailed Action” portion of the Office Action (pages 2-10), the Examiner states “claims 1-19 rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by **Geilhufe et al. (6,584,439)**,” but the Examiner does not mention any rejection of claims 20-22 in the “Detailed Action” portion of the Office Action (pages 2-10). The Examiner does not indicate under what Section of United States Code Title 35, if any, the Examiner has rejected claims 20-22.

Thus, Applicant respectfully traverses any rejection of claim 20-22. Applicant respectfully submits that any rejection of claims 20-22 is improper and should be withdrawn.

Geilhufe fails to expressly or inherently describe the following features set forth in claims

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20 and 21, as amended: “registration means for registering multiple device setting information associated with a new voice in said storage means, display means for displaying a plurality of words corresponding to a registrable voice; and selection means for selecting a word corresponding to a voice to be registered from said plurality of words displayed on said display means, wherein said registration means registers said word selected by said selection means in said storage means in association with multiple device setting information,” in combination with the other claimed features.

Geilhufe fails to expressly or inherently describe the following features set forth in claim 22, as amended: “displaying a plurality of words corresponding to a registrable voice and registering a word selected from displayed said plurality of words in said storage means as a new voice in association with multiple device setting information,” in combination with the other claimed features.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully traverses any rejection of claim 20-22. Applicant respectfully submits that any rejection of claims 20-22 is improper and should be withdrawn.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all claims currently being examined are in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

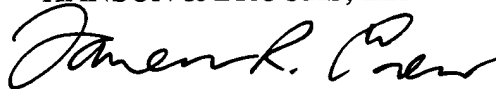
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If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due now or in the future with respect to this application, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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